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Dear Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina, Presidents, agents, officers, employees, contractors and interested parties PSC of SC and the Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina,

This is a Letter of Comment regarding Docket No. 2016-354-E, Docket 2017-19-E, Docket No. 2013-59-E, and all other Case Files that are associated with Wireless Utility Meters.

I am enclosing a CD and other documentation containing over 2000 research studies, medical letters from doctors, public comments and other information from across the United States which are in your possession and directly related to the above mentioned cases as well as the below mentioned cases. Please make sure this is posted to the Public Case Files mentioned above.

I see that Duke Energy and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (as well as the Office of Regulatory Staff) for SC is trying to charge people not only for replacing their wireless "smart" meters with analog meters but also for monthly reading fees. They are also ignoring the dangers of these Class 2b Carcinogenic, Radiation producing, wireless utility meters. I find this both unethical and offensive!

First of all, I would like it to be noted that my family's health suffered tremendously after the wireless "smart" meters were installed on our home. This created a \_\_\_\_\_ for us! I have reported this in great detail already in my state and since your state is participating in supporting the same utility companies, it is my duty to participate with others to stop this unethical atrocity!

I have some things that I would like you to consider regarding the fees and dangerous wireless utility meters that Duke Energy is trying to implement:

1. Wireless Meters and Smart Meters have been labeled a Class 2b Carcinogen by the World Health Organization. It is not legal to experiment upon and cause health ailments and death to the population utilizing a consumer driven utility company, let alone extorting fees from customers who wish to protect their rights to privacy freedom, and health.
2. If Duke and its other associated utility entities insist on having an official reading done by a meter reader, why does it have to be done every month? When Duke still employed meter readers and we weren't home to let them in, they estimated the bill until the next time we were home to let them in. Why can't they just leave a card for us to call in the numbers ourselves?
3. In many areas, it is not mandatory that a meter reader make an official reading for 6 months. It shouldn't be necessary for a meter reader to make a visit every month especially for customers in good standing.
4. In many areas, customers are allowed to take pictures of their meters and send them directly to the utility companies by email. Have you thought of this?
5. Pictures can be taken of the meter on the required "Read Date" and the camera used would have the date stamp as well as the ID of the meter. These could be faxed or mailed in! Has Duke Energy considered creating an "app" for people who have cellular phones to take pictures of their meters to submit directly to the company? They could create one with a time stamp so that the date on the picture would be verified. Customers' meter identification numbers could also be on the submitted picture so fraud would not be possible. Send everyone a sticker if these ID numbers aren't easy to read - like what the BMV does for license plates. There are apps for cell phones which take pictures of checks so that money can be withdrawn immediately from a bank without a personal visit. Why not an app for a meter reading? People who don't have the capability to take and submit these pictures could have it done by neighbors, friends, family or social workers and Duke Energy would not have to hire meter readers at all.
6. Last but certainly not least (which was briefly mentioned above): There are countless research studies that have been done regarding the adverse health effects of wireless or "smart" meters:

"...the exposure to microwave and radiowave radiation from these (smart) meters is involuntary and continuous. The transmitting meters may not even comply with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) "safety" standards (see <http://sagereports.com/smart-meter-rf/>). However, those standards were initially designed to protect an average male from tissue heating (cooking) during a brief exposure. These standards were not designed to protect a diverse population from the non-thermal effects of continuous exposure to microwave and radiowave radiation. Therefore, these "safety" standards were not designed to protect the public from health problems under the circumstances which the meters are being used. The American Academy of Environmental Medicine has called for a moratorium on the installation of transmitting utility meters on the basis that:



**"Chronic exposure to wireless radiofrequency radiation is a preventable environmental hazard that is sufficiently well documented to warrant immediate preventative public health action."**

**These harmful wireless meters have been forced on us by the utility companies and this is creating a financial hardship for all of us who have been or are becoming sick.** Now the utility companies want to charge customers fees to protect ourselves from these wireless "smart" meters?

The people who can afford these fees shouldn't be expected to pay them. And the government shouldn't be expected to pay these fees for an ever increasing population of people who won't be able to afford this but want to protect themselves. **The government is already paying the medical bills for people receiving assistance who have been sickened by the wireless "smart" meters.** **The only ones who don't seem to be losing money in this wireless "smart" meter venture are the utility companies.**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1252, "smart meters", states that electric utilities shall provide such meters to those customers who request them. Therefore, people should have to "opt in". We should not have to "opt out".  
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-109publ58/html/PLAW-109publ58.htm>

I know that millions of us have filed complaints regarding these dangerous wireless utility meters and they are falling on deaf ears! We have suffered adverse health reactions, and many now have cancer or have died from strokes or heart attacks because of the accumulation of exposure to the constant radiation emitted from these "wireless" meters.

There is plenty of documentation that confirms these complaints have been submitted to both the utility companies and the State PSC's over and over again! We shouldn't have to pay additional money, let alone hire attorneys to protect ourselves against these monopolies and the environmental hazards they are causing!

These wireless meters are not federally mandated, and none of us chose to "opt-in" to having our families, homes, businesses, and the environment microwaved constantly!

**I am asking you to read and review in detail the complaints and medical documentation filed in these Case Files:**

**\*Kentucky PSC: Case Files 2012-000428 , 2016-00394, 2016-00187, 2016-00152, 2016-00370**

**\*Ohio PSC : Case File 14-1160-EL-UNC, Case MMAI11131500**

**\*North Carolina PSC: Case File Docket No. E-7 Sub 1115 (Note: This was originally Case File Docket No. E-100, SUB 141)**

**\*South Carolina PSC: Docket 2017-19-8, Docket No. 2013-59-E , Docket No. 2016-366-E , Docket No. 2016-354-E**

**\*Florida PSC: Case File Docket No. 130223**

**I am also enclosing this CD with more documentation which I wish to have filed under the public comments as well as any other complaints (regarding wireless utility meters) that I am legally allowed to participate in.**

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this serious matter,

Sincerely,

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